

VOTE:

In regard to the nomination of Bob Johnson to the office of Mayor Pro Tempore, the motion carried by the following vote, thereby adopting Resolution No. 2005-255:

Ayes: Council Members – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and Mayor Hitchcock

Noes: Council Members – None

Absent: Council Members – None

DISCUSSION

Mayor Hitchcock thanked Council Members for their confidence in her. She commended Council Member Beckman for his exemplary conduct as Mayor in spite of difficult budget challenges during the past year. She thanked City Manager King and Deputy City Manager (former Finance Director) Krueger for their work. She believed that the current Council worked excellently together and noted her appreciation for the questions asked, and for being analytical, compassionate, and frugal. She looked forward to working on the City's General Plan update and continued involvement with the Greenbelt Task Force.

Claudia Manrique, music teacher from the Lodi Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School introduced the Hand Bell Choir, who then gave a presentation to audience members.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m., in memory of Planning Commissioner, Eddie Aguirre, who passed away on November 20, 2005.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

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December 9, 2005

To the Family of Eduardo "Eddie" Aguirre


IN MEMORY OF EDUARDO "EDDIE" AGUIRRE

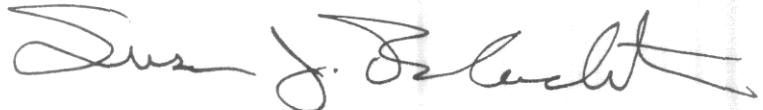
On behalf of the City of Lodi we wish to extend our condolences to your family on your recent loss.

At the regular City Council meeting of December 7, 2005 Mayor Susan Hitchcock adjourned the City Council meeting in memory of Eddie Aguirre, who served his community for many years as a member and current Chair of the Lodi Planning Commission, Crime Stopper/Foundation Board Member, President of the Police Foundation, and active member of the Mexican-American Lyons Club. The Mayor shared that Eddie Aguirre believed it was his duty to serve and support the community and the less fortunate, and he will be greatly missed.

The adjournment statement will be recorded in the official minutes, which are permanent records of the City of Lodi.

We hope that in some small way this recognition provides a degree of solace to you.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

SJB/JLT
cc: City Council
followup

Aguirre

Aguirre, key figure in Lodi's Hispanic community and an active volunteer, dies at 44

By Andrew Adams
NEWS-SENTINEL STAFF WRITER

Eddie Aguirre, chair of the city's Planning Commission and a tireless volunteer and leader in Lodi's Hispanic community, passed away Sunday in San Diego.



Eddie Aguirre

A well-known owner of a local insurance company, the 44-year-old Aguirre had been appointed to

the commission in February 2003. He had been battling recent health problems.

In addition to his work on the Planning Commission, Aguirre helped direct the Lodi Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Lodi program, and served on the board of the Lodi Police Department Crime Stoppers, as well as on the board of the Lodi Police Foundation.

Aguirre also served on the Board of Directors of the Mexican-American Lions Club, where he served as both secretary and president, and volunteered several times as chair-

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man of the Celebration on Central, a cultural outreach event aimed at Lodi's diverse Eastside. He also donated time for charitable causes supporting cancer and Alzheimer's disease research.

He had traveled to San Diego to watch a Chargers football game. Friends and family said he was still recovering from a surgery a little more than a week ago to staunch bleeding in his pancreas.

Aguirre's two older sisters, Hope Garcia and Herlinda Garza, arrived in Lodi Tuesday from McAllen, Texas.

"We still can't believe it," Garcia said.

Garcia said she and her sister — Aguirre's only surviving family — may have funeral arrangements set by next week.

They said they remember most how their brother constantly gave back to the community.

Garcia and Garza were in Aguirre Tokay Avenue office Tuesday with Troy Beckman, the man who hired Aguirre as an insurance agent in the early '90s and then sold his office to him in 2000.

Beckman said Aguirre had been recovering from surgery before flying to San Diego and started to feel worse after he arrived.

Aguirre was influential in Lodi, but Beckman said that's because he felt it was his duty to serve.

"He had a good sense of what the community valued and needed," he said.

Part of that service included providing a voice for Lodi's Hispanic community. Beckman said Aguirre often was called on to be that voice, and

he did that gladly.

Beckman said Aguirre committed himself to so many causes he almost spread himself too thin.

"He believed deeply in helping the underprivileged," said Epi Sausedo, founder and charter president of the Mexican-American Lions Club.

Aguirre grew up in Lodi, graduated from Lodi High and attended San Joaquin Delta Community College.

"He's going to be missed, that's for sure," said Dennis Haugan, who served on the planning commission with Aguirre.

Haugan said he had attended a reception for the outgoing Leadership Lodi class Friday and had sat with Aguirre at the event, and now can't believe he's gone.

Mayor John Beckman said Aguirre did a good job on the Planning Commission and that he had been a very active member of the community.

"It's always a great loss when you lose someone who was so active," he said.

Lodi Police Chief Jerry Adams said Aguirre was very active in support for the Crime Stoppers organization and for the community in general.

"He was just one of those people around town with a lot of spirit," he said. "He's somebody who really will be missed probably by a lot of people. It's just very unfortunate he be taken from life so young."

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